No amount has so far been written off as bad debts by the Super Bazar.

For stream-lining the accounting system, the Super Bazar has recently prepared an accounting and operational manual and the same is to be put into operation shortly. A system of internal audit has been introduced since January, 1984. Pass book system has been introduced by the Super Bazar for timely effecting recovery against credit sales made to the institutions etc.

Sale of Carbon gas by the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers at Chembur in Bombay

*468. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers at Chembur in Bombay is giving the entire production of carbon gas, from its ammonia plant to Bombay Carbondioxide Company;

(b) if so, the rate at which the said gas is sold;

(c) when an agreement to sell this gas to the said Company was signed and whether tenders were called publicly before signing the agreement; and

(d) whether there is a proposal to set up a carbon gas bottling plant by the RCF, if so, by when, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) No, Sir. After meeting the captive requirements, the balance quantity of carbondioxide gas is supplied to Bombay Carbondioxide Gas Corporation (BCGC) at a price of Rs. 1,000 per tonne or 40 per cent of the average selling price of BCGC, whichever is higher.

(c) The initial agreement between the erstwhile Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) and BCGC was entered into on 30.4.1968 for a period of 15 years, with a provision for extension for three terms of years each. The agreement was renewed in 1983. BCGC buyer was selected after a press advertisement and negotiations with prospective purchasers.

(d) Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) has no proposal to set up a carbondioxide gas bottling plant as the present arrangements are considered satisfactory.

Flood loss in Orissa

*469. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made with regard to the losses suffered due to floods in Orissa during the year 1986;

(b) whether the State Government have made any request for assistance; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) The Government of Orissa have submitted no Memorandum seeking Central assistance in the wake of flood during this year. Hence no Central Team has been deputed to the State to make an assessment of the losses.

Accident at Hindustan Zinc Limited, Visakhapatnam

*470. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a major accident at the Hindustan Zinc Limited, Visakhapatnam on the 7th October, 1986;